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SUBJECT: CMLA ZIA VISIT TO KABUL REPORTED IN PAK PRESS

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1. SUMMARY: PAKISTANI PRESS SEPTEMBER 10 GIVES CONSIDERABLE  
COVERAGE TO MEETING SEPT 9 OF CMLA ZIA AND AFGHAN PRESIDENT  
NUR MOHAMMED TARAHI. REPORTS FROM KABUL QUOTE BOTH LEADERS  
AS CALLING FOR PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN TWO NEIGHBORS.  
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ATTENTION GIVEN SHORT KABUL VISIT BY CMLA GREATER THAN THAT  
GIVEN TEHRAN VISIT WHICH WAS IPKXE PURPOSE OF ZIA'S TRIP.  
END SUMMARY

2. BOTH GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED AND INDEPENDENT PRESS GIVE  
EXTENSIVE FRONT-PAGE ATTENTION TO CMLA GENERAL ZIA'S  
SHORT STOP IN KABUL SEPT. 9 ON ROUTE TO TWO-DAY VISIT TO

IRAN. IRAN PORTION OF TRIP RECEIVED LESS MENTION. THE FOUR-HOUR STAY IN KABUL--90 MONUTES OF WHICH WAS SPEND WITH AFGHAN PRES. TARAQI--IS PRAISED AS THE OPENING OF MORE CORDIAL AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONS.

3. GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED PAKISTAN TIMES REPORTED THAT ZIA AND TARAQI AGREED DURING THE MEETING THAT "THERE WAS TREMENDOUS SCOPE FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN AND THAT BOTH COUNTRIES WILL STRIVE FOR FRIENDLY AND PEACEFUL RELATIONS." GENERAL ZIA IS QUOTED AS HAVING POINTED TO THE CLOSE PHYSICAL PROXIMITY OF THE TWO PEOPLES AND TO THEIR COMMON ISLAMIC HERITAGE, AS FACTORS IN PAKISTAN "HAVING EXTENDED THE HAND OF FRIENDSHIP (TO AFGHANISTAN)." --TARAQI IS REPORTED TO HAVE RESPONDED IN SIMILAR TERMS, THANKING CMLA ZIA FOR PAKISTAN'S GRANTING OF TRANSIT TRADE-FACILITIES TO AFGHANISTAN. SUCH ACTIONS BY PAKISTAN, TARAQI SAID, ARE "AN INDICATION OF THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN." --THE CMLA REPORTEDLY TOLD TARAQI PAKISTAN IS ATTEMPTING TO IMPROVE ITS RELATIONS WITH ALL NEIGHBORS INCLUDING INDIA, AFGHANISTAN, THE USSR AND IRAN. HE ASKED RHETORICALLY, "IF AFGHANISTAN CAN HAVE GOOD RELATIONS WITH INDIA, WHY CANNOT PAKISTAN HAVE EVEN BETTER RELATIONS WITH AFGHANISTAN?" --TARAQI POINTED OUT DURING THE LUNCHEON VISIT THAT THE CMLA WAS THE FIRST HEAD-OF-STATE TO VISIT HIS GOVERNMENT. HE REPORTEDLY SECONDED ZIA'S CALL FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AS THE BASIS FOR THE PROGRESS OF ALL OF SOUTH ASIA.

4. THE PRESS NOTED THAT TARAQI WAS JOINED IN HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH GENERAL ZIA BY FONMIN HAFEEZULLAH AMIN, INTERIOR MINISTER ASLAM WATANJAR AND DEPUTY FONMIN SHAH MOHAMMED DOST.

5. COMMENT: WE GAINED A DISTINCE IMPRESSION FROM READING THE PRESS ACCOUNTS THAT CMLA ZIA'S REMARKS TO TARAQI WERE CONSIDERABLY MORE UPBEAT AND OPTIMISTIC ABOUT COOPERATION THAN WERE TARAQI'S REMARKS TO ZIA. TARAQI'S AGREEMENT WITH ZIA THAT "WE HAVE DECLARED THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF OUR REVOLUTION AND WE BELIEVE THAT ALL DIFFERENCES SHOULD BE RESOLVED THROUGH PEACEFUL MEANS" WAS AS CLOSE AS THE AFGHAN PRESIDENT CAME TO A STATEMENT OF DETENTE. --TARAQI WAS REPORTED TO HAVE ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE AN INVITATION DELIVERED BY ZIA TO VISIT PAKISTAN AT SOME UNSPECIFIED FUTURE DATE. CONSTABLE

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